

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

January 16, 2014

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** Councilor Becky Kasper (W5)

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on January 9, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 15, 2014 in the amount of \$ 281,439.39 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of January 9 – January 15, 2014
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office January 14, 2014
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of December 2013 in the total amount of \$18,701.68
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for November 2013
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for December 2013

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of **\$ 856,105.23** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Andrew Golt** 17 Couch Street spoke about the sidewalks in the city and that they are impassable. The city should invest in a snow cleaning machine. There are irresponsible landlords. And Route 3 has no sidewalks and people are walking in the street.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid No. 2013-11-2 "46kV Instrument Transformers" be awarded to Wesco Distribution, Inc in the total amount of \$9,220.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Dave Powell to advertise for bids for Contract # 2014-1 "Laboratory Services for WPCP."

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor

Calnon to sign an Engineering Agreement for Contract # 2014-04 with Stantec Consulting Services Inc in the total amount of \$48,522.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion:

**Councilor Dowdle** asked how often inspections are done.

**City Engineer Kevin Farrington** said every other year unless deficiency then once a year.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise PMLD Bid No. 2014-1-1 "115kV Disconnects at S. Lawrence 1-Phase 3." Bid opening date: February 18, 2014 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell  
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid No. 2013-11-1 "46kV 3-Way Transmission Line Switch" be awarded to Stuart Irby in the total amount of \$62,139.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Discussion:

**Councilor O'Connell** asked how many bids?

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said 2 or 3.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor

Calnon to attend the NYCOM 2014 Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, NY from February 9 – 10, 2014 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$463.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the "2014 Prosecutors Conference" in New York, NY from January 22 – 23, 2014 and the cost will not exceed \$800 and will be expensed to Asset Forfeiture.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the "Train the Trainer on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care" in Oriskany, NY from January 22 – 23, 2014 and the cost will not exceed \$123 and will be expensed to Asset Forfeiture.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Consideration of a request that the City of Plattsburgh abandon part of an unused street right of way known as Nevada Oval West.
2. Consideration of rules for 2014 Street Drives.

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Kelly** said last week I sang the praises of the previous council for passing such a wonderful budget. And I completely forgot to acknowledge the people who do the real work and that's our department

heads. So I would like to correct that mistake this week and thank all of you for your hard work and I know that you will take those budgets and use that money very wisely in 2014. Thank you very much.

**Mayor Calnon** said as we discussed last week we really want this to be new business and good news and we actually have some. [Mayor asked Jesse Feiler, Chairman of the Saranac River Trail Citizens Advisory Committee to address the council]

**Chairman Jesse Feiler** said the trail as I liked to put it is like a 3 legged stool; the city, the college and the citizens group. I think those three components are really important. And thanks to Kevin and everyone else as well as the members of the committee we got the first phase of the trail done you can see it. And yesterday we found out that we were awarded a grant for \$1.6 million for Phase 2 of the Saranac River Trail.

[Discussion by the Mayor, Council and City Engineer Kevin Farrington on the Saranac River Trail]

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm**